Trade Organization, the quantitative restrictions on 1429 tariff lines, including urea, are to be removed by April 1, 2001. However, there is no bound rate on urea and thus the country is free to decide on an appropriate tariff rate and such other measures as may be necessary keeping in view the national interest.

Opening of professional colleges by Railways

*35. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are contemplating to establish and run engineering and medical colleges exclusively for the children of Railway employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such colleges would be established;

(c) whether outsiders would also be admitted in those colleges;

(d) if so, what would be the criteria; and

(e) the names of States chosen for the above project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No decision has been taken yet.

Protection of Environment and Forests in Maharashtra

*36. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for protection of environment and forests in Maharashtra in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of measures contemplated to be taken during the said Plan period to save the forest products; and

(c) what quantity of honey and other products of forests have been collected during the years 1997 to 2000, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Allocations are made to the States

annually under various schemes of the Ministry based on the project proposals received from them. So far an amount of Rs. 1473.17 lakhs has been released to the State of Maharashtra during Ninth Five Year Plan under various schemes for the protection of Environment and Forests which includes schemes of Modern forest fire control methods, Integrated afforestation and eco-development project, Area oriented fuel wood and fodder project and Non timber forest produce including medicinal plants.

(c) Quantity of honey and other products of forests collected during the years 1997—2000 in Maharashtra State:

Sl. No.	Products	Unit of Measurement	1997-98	1998-99 Provisional	1999-2000
1.	Honey	Quintals	71.00	N.A.	N.A.
2.	Teak	M^3	61661	29084	N.A.
3.	Non Teak	M^3	27219	73901	N.A.
4.	Fire Wood	M^3	239020	320806	N.A.
5.	Bomboo (including Supplied to the Industries)	MT	209627	159000	N.A.
6.	Grass	MT	16511.64	14854.00	N.A.
7.	Tendu leaves	Standard Bags	694489	821768	N.A.

NOTE: N.A.—Not Available.